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1. GUATEMALA EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO REFORM RIO TREATY AND NOTED THAT SECURITY SYSTEM REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR CONTINENT, AMONG OTHER REASONS PRECISELY BECAUSE THERE IS NO VETO. EVEN IF REVISIONS ARE NECESSARY, TREATY ITSELF AND ITS ESSENTIAL PHILOSOPHY ARE REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CORRECT RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE FOUND IN IDEAS OF PERU IN PARTICULAR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONTINENT MIGHT IN FUTURE SIMPLY BE ABLE TO IGNORE EXTRA-CONTINENTAL AGGRESSION BY REFERRING IT TO THE UNITED NATIONS. ONE CAN AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EVERYWHERE, BUT IT IS NOT USEFUL TO MAKE THIS INTO A PRETEXT TO REPLACE THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES THEREBY. PERU RESPONDED, EMPHASIZING ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH "COLLECTIVE

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ECONOMIC SECURITY". BARBADOS (HOLDER) ASKED A COUPLE OF

POINTED QUESTIONS OF PERU WITH REGARD TO HOW IT DEFINES ECONOMIC AGGRESSION, WHAT KIND OF MACHINERY THEY PROPOSE AND HOW THIS MACHINERY COULD BE MADE EFFECTIVE AGAINST POWERFUL STATES. PERU RESPONDED, BUT BASICALLY IN GENERALITIES.

2. ECUADOR AGREED WITH IDEA OF ECONOMIC SECURITY, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BALANCE WAS NEEDED AND THAT TOO MUCH PREOCCUPATION WITH ECONOMIC SECURITY MIGHT WEAKEN POLITICAL ASPECTS.

3. THE UNITED STATES (AMB JOVA) AFTER THANKING THE PERUVIANS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY IN SHOWING THE DELEGATES CUSCO AND MACCHU PICCHU AND WITH IT ANOTHER FACET OF "LATIN AMERICAN REALITY", TOOK UP CERTAIN POINTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPLES ANNOUNCED BY PERU. HE NOTED THE PROBLEM OF DEFINITION, CITING SEMANTICAL ARGUMENT WHICH HAD FINALLY LED TO CONSENSUS ABOUT PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES IN APRIL. ONE CAN AGREE ON A PARTICULAR TEXT, BUT WE MUST ALSO AGREE ON THE MEANING OF THE WORDS OR WE SHALL HAVE PROBLEMS, IF NOT TODAY THEN TOMORROW. MANY OF THE WORDS AND PHRASES OF PERU'S PROPOSAL HAVE OPERATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND, SOMETIMES, EMOTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THEY REQUIRE CAREFUL DEFINITION. WHAT ARE OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF "GUARANTEE"? WHAT IS MEANT BY "ECONOMIC FORCE" OR EXERCISE OF ECONOMIC COERCION, OR BY "DUTY TO COOPERATE"? JOVA NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS IMPORTANT LABOR OF DEFINITION, NATIONS WOULD HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH REAL PROBLEMS OF HEMISPHERE, E.G., POPULATION, INTEGRATION OF MINORITIES, PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, GROWING PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT, ETC. HE NOTED NO ONE HAD FOUND IDEAL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS AND IT WAS ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF FORUMS LIKE OAS TO PROVIDE EXCHANGES OF IDEAS NOT ONLY BY DIPLOMATS BUT AT TECHNICAL LEVELS.

4. JOVA ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON EXPOSITION OF PERUVIAN REP ON "CULTURAL PENETRATION". NOTING THAT NO COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, HAD EVEN IN THE COURSE OF THEIR HISTORY BEEN GIFTED BY SOMETHING LIKE AN ABSOLUTE INSULARITY, HE WONDERED HOW ONE COULD STOP THE PROCESS OF CROSS-CULTURAL INFLUENCES. NATURE IS NOT SUCH THAT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERMITS ABSOLUTE INSULATION FROM CHANGE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO TRY TO CHANNEL EXTERNAL INFLUENCES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. JOVA REFERRED AGAIN TO POINT HE HAD MADE EARLIER THAT ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT THE SOLUTION, BUT THERE WAS STRONG IMPLICATION OF ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP IN PERUVIAN IDEAS. IF ORGANIZATION IS TO SURVIVE, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING MORE THAN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP. IF LIMITED ONLY TO BEING A FORUM FOR AIRING

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, IT IS NOT WORTH THE MONEY WE ALL PUT INTO IT, AND IT IS JUST AS MUCH OR MORE OF A SACRIFICE FOR THE SMALLER COUNTRIES TO PUT UP THEIR ONE PERCENT OR THREE PERCENT OF BUDGET AS IT IS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PUT UP ITS SIXTY-SIX PERCENT. THIS SACRIFICE MERITS REWARDS. JOVA ASKED THAT DELEGATES LOOK AT THOSE THINGS THAT UNITE US AS WELL AS AT THOSE THAT DISUNITE AND TO SEEK MORE SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE. WE COULD ALL SURVIVE WITHOUT INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, BUT WE WILL ALL BE IMPOVERISHED BY ITS DISAPPEARANCE. JOVA ENDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD PERSONAL VOCATION TO SEE THIS SYSTEM NOT ONLY SURVIVE BUT PROSPER AND HOPED THAT OTHERS WOULD EXAMINE THEIR OWN CONSCIENCES ON THIS MATTER. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT LIMA STAGE OF DELIBERATIONS WAS IMPORTANT ONE FOR LENGTHY PROCESS IN WHICH WE WERE ALL ENGAGED AND AGAIN THANKED PERUVIANS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE.

5. PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE, REJOINING, EXPLAINED THAT PERU HAD RECOGNIZED CONCORDANCES AMONG NORTH AND SOUTH. IT WOULD BE LIKE PUTTING A BLINDFOLD OVER THE EYES TO ELIMINATE U.S. AS MEMBER OF SYSTEM.
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